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Evaluation and Translation of Foreign Academic Credentials

California law contains very specific requirements for licensure. In addition to graduating from a Board-approved chiropractic college, each applicant must present evidence of high school graduation or the equivalent, completion of required pre-chiropractic course work, and completion of a chiropractic college curriculum that conforms to course work and hour specifications stated in the law. In order for the Board to fairly evaluate compliance with the high school and pre-chiropractic requirements, it is necessary that applicants with foreign academic credentials provide certified translations and evaluations of original transcripts from abroad.

This procedure is intended to facilitate the evaluation the application for licensure. Each chiropractic college makes its own admission decisions and offers its own curriculum. Additionally, each state has its own licensing requirements. Thus, the only way the Board can be certain that an applicant has met the specific requirements for licensure in California, is to fully evaluate each applicant's credentials and document compliance with the licensing requirements. **This is a separate and distinct process from the college admission process.**

Applicants may elect to use the services of any transcript translation and evaluation service approved by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services. The Board recommends translation and evaluation by **World Education Services, Inc. (WES)** which may be contacted at any one of three locations:

P.O. Box 745
New York, NY 10113-0745
Old Chelsea Station
E-mail: INFO@WES.ORG
Tel: 212-966-6311
Fax: 212-966-6395

Midwest Office
P.O. Box 11623
Chicago, IL 60611-0623
E-mail: MIDWEST@WES.ORG
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P.O. Box 01-5060
Miami, FL 33101
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To allow sufficient time for fingerprint processing and credentials evaluation, applicants are advised to submit the application for licensure ***five to seven months*** before graduation from chiropractic college. **The Board is unable to evaluate credentials prior to receipt of the application and fee.** An applicant, who fails to appear for an examination within one year after first qualifying, shall be considered to have abandoned their application. In that event, a new application and fee must be submitted in order to receive further consideration.